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**Youth Interagency hosts pottery sculpting class**



by Niki Luymes

The Edson Youth Interagency (YI) group had their first event of the new year with the pottery sculpting class on January 2.

From 12pm to 3pm, youths ages 11 to 17 came out to the Edson Leisure Centre's hospitality room to enjoy some creative fun. This event did require pre-registration and cost \$40 per participant.

YI is a partnership between the Town of Edson and local not for profits and businesses that work together to encourage the youth of our community. They do this by organizing special events. "It's to get the youth out and involved in different activities. It can be sports or arts, just anything that youths can be interested in," said Sarah McDonald, Community Events

The Edson Youth Interagency hosted their first event of the new year with a pottery sculpting class on January 2 at the Edson Leisure Centre's hospitality room. photo Niki Luymes

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# Youth Interagency hosts pottery sculpting class

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Supervisor with the Town of Edson.

This week's event was all about helping the participants express a little creativity, while also having fun with their peers.

Local artist Lisa Wilkinson led the kids in creating their own one-of-a-kind clay owl pot. The Town supplied the materials, Wilkinson the instruction, and the kids brought the creativity and unique ideas. After completing the main project they were also welcome to make other little objects with the leftover material.

The event was a full class with 12 youths in attendance. "We actually had 11 on the wait list," added McDonald. "It just goes to show how much interest there is in this type of activity. So that's something that we will look at and plan for in the future. It was not expected, and really crazy, but really good."

Each of the kids had a great time. "It's such a calm group. With pottery in general it's such a calming activity, so they're all super focused. And it's going really smoothly so far. So it's a nice start to the year," added McDonald.

YIA has other events planned for the coming weeks including free Glow Bowling on January 5. As always, they look forward to the rest of the year and all the new events and experiences it will bring.



*The Edson Youth Interagency pottery sculpting class on January 2 was all about helping the participants express a little creativity, while also having fun. photo Niki Luymes*



*These are just some of the finished pieces created by youths ages 11 to 17. Photo Niki Luymes*




*Local artist Lisa Wilkinson led the kids in creating their own clay owl pot at the Edson Youth Interagency pottery sculpting class on January 2. photo Niki Luymes*



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# Edson Legion rings in the New Year

by Niki Luymes

The Edson Legion celebrated the coming of the new year with the return of their annual New Years Eve Party. On the evening of December 31, the legion welcomed people to come out and enjoy food, drinks, and good company. The event cost \$20 per person, with tickets available at the Legion during the preceding week.

As is tradition, the celebration began at 8pm, and ran all the way to midnight. The Legion supplied a night lunch at 11:30pm, and cash bar throughout the night. Local DJ Shawn Holden

set the mood with an great playlist of old favourites, special requests, and current hits. "So anything they wanted to hear they heard," said Wendy Williams, President of the Edson Legion Branch #51, and event organizer. Alongside the music were door prizes, raffles, and a photo booth that proved to be very popular.

At the stroke of midnight the Legion passed around free Champagne. Everyone cheered, and toasted the coming of the new year as balloons were released from the ceiling. "Events like this are mostly for fun," said Williams. "We've done


them before, but things have been different the last few years with what's all been going on."

The event didn't boast the biggest turnout. Around 65 people came out to enjoy the celebrations. Regardless, it was a good time for all in attendance. "They had a wonderful time," said Williams. The Legion hopes to have more events like this in the future, and is looking forward to the new year.

## Edson Legion Monthly Calendar for Jan. 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	2 Tomato Mac Egg Salad Pool 6:30pm Crib 7pm	3 Chili & a Bun Meat Draws 7pm	4 Beef Barley Monte Christo Pool 6:30pm Shuffleboard & Euchre 7pm Darts 8pm	5 Harvest Veggie Tuna Darts 8pm	6 MEGA Meat Draws Sponsored by: Bannister Edson 2pm Pool 6:30pm
7	8	9 Potato Bacon Chicken Salad Pool 6:30pm	10 Sloppy Joes Meat Draws 7pm	11 Beef Stew Biscuit Pool 6:30pm Shuffleboard & Euchre 7pm Darts 8pm	12 Beef Barley Grilled Ham & Cheese Darts 8pm	13 Meat Draws 2pm Pool 6:30pm
14	15	16 Mushroom Egg Salad Pool 6:30pm Crib 7pm	17 Beef Barley Hot Turkey Meat Draws 7pm	18 Veggie Chicken Caesar Wrap Pool 6:30pm Shuffleboard & Euchre 7pm Darts 8pm	19 Taco Salad Darts 8pm	20 MEGA Meat Draws Sponsored by: Edson Chrysler 2pm Pool 6:30pm Trivia Night 7:00pm
21 Sports Sunday 12pm	22	23 Beef Barley Tuna Pool 6:30pm	24 Minestrone Pizza Sub Meat Draws 7pm	25 Pea Grilled Ham & Cheese Pool 6:30pm Shuffleboard & Euchre 7pm Darts 8pm	26 Italian Wedding Egg Salad Darts 8pm	27 Meat Draws 2pm Pool 6:30pm
28	29	30 Potato Bacon Egg Salad Pool 6:30pm Crib 7pm	31 Chicken Caesar Garlic Toast Meat Draws 7pm	<b>Legion</b> Joe Wynne Branch 51 Edson, AB <b>JANUARY</b>		

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## RCMP reminds local residents about ice safety

(RCMP) The RCMP is issuing a warning to the public reminding them to practice ice safety this winter. With the changing weather conditions and above average temperatures, it is hard to tell the strength or thickness of ice by its appearance.

RCMP have responded to multiple occurrences over this past weekend and want to remind the all Albertans the dangers of unpredictable thin ice and open water. If you choose to go out on the ice, keep in mind the following safety tips:

**Consider Conditions:** Keep a close eye on the weather, changing weather can make ice surfaces unpredictable. Do not travel over ice in early and late winter when conditions are more likely to be dangerous. Avoid slushy, thawed, recently refrozen ice, or ice near moving water. Avoid going on the ice at night as reduced visibility increases the risk of falling through.

Always check the ice for thickness and stability. The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength, clear blue to black ice is strongest, and likely the deepest. You should only skate or walk on ice that is 15+ cm thick, 20+ cm for a group of people and 25+ cm for off highway vehicles. White opaque or snow ice should be

avoided, grey ice indicates the presence of water and is unsafe to stand on.

**Plan Ahead:** Don't travel on the ice alone. Leave a trip plan with someone that includes where you're going, for how long, and when you will be back. If you are unable to leave a trip plan with someone, leave a note on your car windshield. Don't drink alcohol and travel on ice, alcohol impairs judgment and reduces your ability to stay warm in cold conditions.

**Safety:** When spending time on the ice, you should always be prepared for the worst-case scenario and have an emergency plan.

**Be Prepared:** Carry a personal safety kit that includes: a lighter, waterproof matches, fire starting materials, pocket knife, whistle, and a cellphone in a waterproof pouch.

Carry a fully-charged GPS, a compass and map as a backup, and know how to use them. Familiarize yourself with your buckles, bindings, and belts on equipment so they can be removed quickly if needed. Changing weather conditions can also affect ice from day to day. So, remember, if in doubt, don't go out! Should you need emergency services, dial 911.



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# 100 Women Who Care

by Deanna Mitchener

Surely we have more than just 100 women who care in and around our community. So, it's time to help spread the word.

The next 100 Women Who Care event will be happening on January 30th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Edson Seniors Pioneer Cabin. This would be a great opportunity for you ladies to come check it out and get more

information.

New members are definitely invited and returning members are encouraged to send in their donations. All members who have done so may nominate an organization for that evening. It's a great way to contribute to an organization in need of the support.

Hope to see you there and please feel free to invite another friend to come with you.

## EVENT REMINDER

**January 21:**

**World Snow Day:** Join us at Bear Lake Park for afternoon fun Setzers Sleigh Rides, Campfires, Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing. 1pm-3pm.



Students in Mr. Bachinsky's Religion 15 class got in the Christmas spirit by teaming up with the Kinette Club of Edson to help out with the Kinette Christmas hampers in their school. They started a friendly class competition between first block classes with a reward of an ice cream sandwich party for the winning class. The staff and students all worked against each other to win. However, the true winner is the Kinette Club of Edson who received 679 toys and non-perishable food items from the team effort of the staff and students at Holy Redeemer this Christmas season. In addition, the Religion 15 class has also been extremely giving in other ways as they set up collections for the Edson Food Bank, Edson Animal Rescue Society, and setting up some fun activities for students in the afternoon on December 22. submitted

## Scenes from Vanier Community Catholic School's grade 1 to 6 Christmas concert



The theme for Vanier Community Catholic School's Christmas Concert held on December 14 was 'We Need A Little Christmas'. Classes entertained the audience with carols and bells. photos submitted





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The Town of Edson may, after the public auction, become the owner of any designated manufactured home and parcel of land not sold at the public auction.

The terms of sale are payment in full by cash or certified cheque by 4:00 p.m. on the date of the public auction.

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Dated at Edson, Alberta, December 12, 2023

Paul Hanlan, General Manager of Corporate Services



## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who volunteered the Candy Cane Check Stop on December 8th, 2023.

Town of Edson Enforcement and Fire Department, Citizens on Patrol, Victim Services, and the RCMP were all in attendance.

A whopping 435 candy canes were handed out and one impaired driver was charged.

Thanks to Sobey's for donating the candy canes and to Victim Services for donating hot chocolate.

\*Photos courtesy of Citizens on Patrol.

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Guest Editorial/Column

# Carbon tax, not carve out, Trudeau's real failure...

*Trudeau carbon tax never gained the support of the public, and he failed to acknowledge the genuine hardships it is inflicting.*

by Franco Terrazzano

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau stepped in it when he removed the carbon tax from furnace oil while leaving 97 percent of Canadians out in the cold.

Even in Atlantic Canada, where Trudeau tried to buy off MPs with the carve-out, 77 percent of people in the region support carbon tax relief for everyone.

But Trudeau's mistake wasn't providing relief. The real lesson here is that Trudeau never won the hearts and minds of Canadians. And he lost credibility early on.

Months before the 2019 election, former environment minister Catherine McKenna said the government had "no intention" of raising the carbon tax beyond 11 cents per litre of gas.

After the election, Trudeau announced he would keep cranking up his carbon tax until it reached 37 cents per litre.

Trudeau and his ministers repeat the myth that eight out of 10 families get more money in rebates than they pay in carbon taxes.

Their favourite talking point limps on despite the obvious reality that a government can't raise taxes, skim money off the top to pay for hundreds of administration bureaucrats and still make everyone better off.

In fact, the carbon tax will cost the average family up to \$710 more than they get back in rebates this year, according to the Parliamentary Budget Officer.

The government also said carbon taxes reduce emissions.

But emissions rose even in British Columbia, which had the first and (for years) costliest carbon tax. B.C. imposed its carbon tax in 2008. B.C.'s emissions increased between 2007 and 2019 – the last year before the pandemic brought economic activity to a screeching halt.

And even had the carbon tax cut emissions at home, "Canada's own emissions are not large enough to materially impact climate change," as the PBO explains.

Making it more expensive to live in Canada won't reduce emissions in China, Russia, India or the United States.

This leads to a Trudeau diplomatic failure.

The Trudeau government launched the Global Carbon Pricing Challenge at the United Nations to get more countries to impose carbon taxes because, it acknowledged, "The impact and effectiveness of carbon pricing increases as more countries adopt pricing solutions."

Unfortunately for the Trudeau government, even the United States, the world's largest economy, rejects carbon taxes. President Joe Biden, a Democrat, hasn't imposed a carbon tax. Good luck convincing a Republican president to impose one.

The U.S. rejection of a carbon tax is the rule, not the exception.

According to the World Bank's Carbon Pricing Dashboard, about three-quarters of countries don't have a national carbon tax.

Meanwhile, as Trudeau increased taxes, countries such as the United Kingdom, Sweden, Australia, South Korea, the Netherlands, Germany, Norway, Ireland, India, Israel, Italy, New Zealand and Portugal, among others, cut fuel taxes.

Finally, if Canada's carbon tax is essential for the environment, shouldn't all taxpayers pay the same rate?

A driver in Alberta pays a carbon tax of 14 cents per litre of gas. In Quebec, the carbon tax is about 12 cents. By 2030, that gap will grow to more than 14 cents per litre. Quebec's special deal proves Trudeau's carbon tax is about politics, not the environment.

When crafting the carbon tax, the government never honestly asked the people what they thought. While everyone wants a better environment, did anyone ask Canadians if they support a carbon tax even if it means average families will lose hundreds of dollars every year? Did anyone ask Canadians if they support a carbon tax even though most countries don't?

Trudeau is displaying rank regional favouritism. But his real mistake wasn't the carve-out that favoured Atlantic Canada. It's that he never won the hearts and minds of the people and failed to acknowledge carbon taxes cause real pain.

- Franco Terrazzano is the Federal Director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation. © Troy Media

**Editor's Note: Countries without a carbon tax including China, Russia, India, United States, and Germany account for nearly 80% of the global carbon emissions. Canada accounts for less than 2%.**

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For the week of: Dec 25-31, 2023

Traffic violations topped the list of Edson RCMP occurrences at 16. Other investigations included: Abandoned Vehicles 0 ; Alarms/False Alarms 7; Animal Calls 2; Assistance calls 4; Assault 2; Cause Disturbance 3; Fail to Comply with Conditions 1; False/Abandoned 911 Call 0; Family Orders and Agreements 0; Fraud 0, Harassment/Criminal Harassment 5; Lost or found property 4, Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle 4; Information File 0; Mental Health Act 0; Municipal Bylaws 0; Mischief 4; Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer 0; Possess Stolen Property 1; Recovered Stolen Property 0; Sudden Death 2; Suspicious persons 6; Theft 5; Traffic violations 16; Traffic Complaints 7 ; Trespassing 1; Unlawfully in Dwelling 0; and Wellbeing Check 5.

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# Year in review from County Mayor Wade Williams

(YC) With the unprecedented fire and flooding this last year, 2023 was like no other for Yellowhead County. Still, for Yellowhead County Mayor Wade Williams and Council, several highlights showed that the municipality persevered and accomplished many of their goals and plans while still providing essential services to county residents and businesses.

For 2024, Mayor Williams is excited that it will be a productive year for Yellowhead County, focusing on delivering municipal services and new capital projects while rebuilding the damaged infrastructure caused by the devastation from this past spring.

## What were the most significant accomplishments that Council achieved over the past year?

- Our strategic plan that guides administration through Council's 4-year vision. Council has an appetite for capturing Yellowhead County's Heritage, including the fires and floods of 2023.
- Continuing to build on the communications tower system to enhance communications and broadband services throughout the County.
- Several community-focused accomplishments that include completion of the Cadomin Pump Track, the groundbreaking of the Cadomin Community Hall, the celebration of Robb's 100th anniversary, and significant upgrades to several of our community cemeteries.

- The overall disaster response for a year where Alberta had ten times the average amount of forest area burned and over 1.5 times the average burned in Yellowhead County.

- The continued operations, post-disaster, of the municipal operations and rebuilding of County resources that were damaged during the fires and floods.

- Continued focus on the County's municipal infrastructure replacement plan.

- Focused review and development plan, with Edson, for the YCE centre.

## What were the biggest challenges to overcome in 2023?

- The wildfires and flooding were a significant challenge for our County and residents. We are incredibly proud of being able to react to these disasters as we did, with a focus on the prevention of loss of life and minimizing damage to infrastructure and property.

- Post-flood infrastructure inspections, assessments, and repairs that included nine major culverts and 19 bridge structures.

- Concerns from Council that the County wasn't included in a provincial drought support program due to no data being gathered for Yellowhead County, although our ag producers and farmers were significantly impacted.

- Infrastructure capital development was significantly impacted in some cases by the disasters and mother nature.

## What can residents expect from Council in 2024?

- Continue progress on our Strategic Plan and capital asset management plan, including a long-term road and bridge development plan.

- Continued progress on the YCE Centre.

- A \$500,000 grant commitment to the Yellowhead Ag Society toward the replacement of their indoor riding arena.

- We look forward to more large-scale energy projects that focus on new progressive environmental technologies, such as the Cascade Power Project and other planned projects that include Novus Earth (Fresh Bay) and the Canyon Creek Pumped Hydro Project.

- The recruitment and addition of more YC firefighters. We hope to encourage more residents to be part of our volunteer fire department.

- The completion of the new Niton Fire Station.

- The addition of new towers that are part of the County's program to increase coverage throughout Yellowhead County, increasing options for commercial and industry coverage, and play an important role in the safety of our residents and staff.

- \$70,000,000 in capital projects that are part of our long-term vision for capital programs in our County.

- Develop a resident-focused plan for the level of FCSS services offered in the County as a whole.

## What challenges do you expect in 2024?

- We will continue to work with our community to engage them on our projects.

- We continue to plan for any potential disasters, and we are doing this by keeping communications open with other government agencies such as Alberta Ag and Forestry, Alberta Wildfire, our local MLAs and the appropriate provincial Ministers.

- Our world is a different place, and we will continue to find ways to operate efficiently in the new economic climate.

## Moving Forward.

I would like to thank the residents of Yellowhead County for their cooperation and resiliency during a very difficult and extended disaster situation.

I want to thank Yellowhead County staff and firefighters for the extended hours they put in away from their families during this most difficult time. A short time is much more manageable than 60-plus days.

There were many lessons learned during this past year of multiple disasters, that were all occurring at the same time. Yellowhead County is confident that we are as ready as we can be going forward. We will continue to learn and implement strategies and technology as information becomes available.

*Wade Williams,  
Mayor, Yellowhead County*

## Help is available for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

by Deanna Mitchener

Tanya Dehmel (BSW) offered an interagency presentation recently on the foundations of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and the help that is available for families and individuals. Dehmel had been filling in for Carole Haubi while she was away on maternity leave.

Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (formerly known as FAS) is the diagnostic term used to describe impacts to the brain and body of individuals with prenatal exposure to alcohol.

"There is no known amount of alcohol that is considered safe while pregnant. FASD is a lifelong disability with no cure. Drinking alcohol during pregnancy can cause the baby to be born with permanent brain damage and the effects are life-long," stated Dehmel's presentation.

"Individuals with FASD may experience some degree of challenges in their daily living and need support with motor skills, physical health, learning, memory, attention, communication, emotional regulation, and social skills."

"The primary disabilities of FASD can be inconsistent memory and recall, decreased mental stamina, difficulty interpreting and applying abstract concepts, impulsivity and poor judgment, and resistance to change." It may also include the inability to predict adverse outcomes, see another person's perspective, and to recognize indirect social clues.

Dehmel's report added. "FASD does

not affect any two people the same way. The effects can range from mild to severe. It is preventable, so the safest way to prevent it is to not drink alcohol during pregnancy."

"Our Parent Child Assistance Program (PCAP) is an evidence based program in the intervention and prevention of FASD. The primary goal of the program is to prevent further births of alcohol and drug exposed children. We do this by addressing the needs of the mother. We promote competency of the individual through rational approaches to build rapport and deliver interventions. The program is family centered, and attends to the dynamics of the whole family. We are community based and culturally responsive, utilizing the existing resources in our community. Home visitation, transportation to appointments, advocacy, assist with navigating the medical systems, legal systems, children's services, detox treatment and other services."

"FASD supports help with youth and caregiver, assessment application, clinic and diagnostic supports, and provide strategies and resources. Supports are on an outreach basis including navigating resources, supports and applications, as well the transition to adulthood. Ensuring there is an updated assessment completed for AISH and PDD eligibility. Assisting with their applications. Assist with outreach services in preparation for adulthood. There is one-on-one mentorship for individuals diagnosed or believed to have FASD."

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### Yellowhead County FAMILY TIME

Join us on Wednesdays for some indoor fun!  
Program runs from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

This is a free program for caregivers with children ages 0-5.

There will be new activities and unstructured free play each week.

**MARLBORO COMMUNITY HALL**  
JANUARY 10 & 24  
FEBRUARY 7  
MARCH 13

**PEERS MULTIPLEX**  
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Light snacks and refreshments provided.  
Registration is required.  
Please register by visiting [www.yhcounty.ca/registration](http://www.yhcounty.ca/registration)

Approved Development Permits have been issued authorizing the following:

Permit No.	Location	Proposal	Date	Appeal Deadline
D23-159	Plan 1821493 Blk 1, Lot 5 SW-19-53-7-W5 Evansburg Area	Accessory Building (Warehouse for Modular Home Construction)	Jan 2/24	Permitted Use
D23-156	NE-20-54-7-W5 North of Evansburg	Manufactured Home	Jan 3/24	Permitted Use

Yellowhead County Development Permits are also posted online at [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca). The public is considered officially notified of approved development permits once posted online, in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw. The Yellowhead County Land Use Bylaw NO 09.21 provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Authority may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board or Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal dependent on jurisdiction of the appeal authority. Appeals under the jurisdiction of Yellowhead County's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board require a written notice of appeal and a payment of \$300.00 payable to Yellowhead County within 21 days of the publishing of the Notice of Decision. Requirements for appealing the development to the Alberta's Land and Property Rights Tribunal can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-appeals.aspx> or by calling 780-427-2444.

### BIRD CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

Pick up a build-your-own Nesting Box Kit and join our informational webinar on bird conservation!

Chickadee Tree Swallow Saw-Whet Owl

\$15/kit (includes webinar access)

Max 2 kits per family.

Mix & match the types you'd like!

3 types of nesting boxes to choose from!

Limited kits available.

- Step One:** Decide what type of nesting box you'd like to build.
- Step Two:** Register at [www.yhcounty.ca/registration](http://www.yhcounty.ca/registration). Registration opens on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration Deadline: January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Step Three:** Pick up your Nesting Box Kit starting the week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Kits can be picked up from both the Edson and Wildwood Offices. You can build them anytime that works with your schedule!
- Step Four:** Check out the informational portion of the workshop in a webinar on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM. Conservation Coordinators for EALT will teach us all about the birds that will use the nest boxes, how to properly maintain them, and bird conservation tips in general.

Visit [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca) for more info including our Guide to Choosing a Nesting Box!

Brought to you by Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services in partnership with Edmonton Area Land Trust (EALT)

### WORLD SNOW DAY! 2024

Join us at Bear Lake Park for an afternoon of winter outdoor fun!  
Setzers Sleigh Rides! Campfires!  
Cross-country skis and snowshoes!

**January 21** FREE DROP-IN STYLE EVENT!  
1 PM - 3 PM

### Canadian Firearms Safety Course

(non-restricted)

AGES 12+  
TIME: 9 AM - 6 PM

February 10:  
WILDWOOD RECREATION COMPLEX  
February 11:  
PEERS MULTIPLEX

INSTRUCTOR:  
Dan Johnston

COST: \$140.00 per class

Please Bring:  
- Two Pieces of ID  
- Address Verification  
- Lunch / Snacks

Register at [yhcounty.ca/registration](http://yhcounty.ca/registration)

### REGISTER YOUR EQUIPMENT FOR 2024 WITH YELLOWHEAD COUNTY

Deadline for Registration is April 1, 2024.

All equipment hired by Yellowhead County **MUST** be registered annually by the deadline. Yellowhead County will select equipment that is the best suited for the work to be done and provide the most cost effective level of service.

For more information or to register your equipment, call the Infrastructure Services Department at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.



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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### Lieutenant (Full Time, Permanent)

LOCATION: Stationed in Edson, AB or Evansburg, AB  
COMPETITION NO. 24-013

Under the general direction of the General Manager of Protective Services, reporting to the Fire Chief or designate, and stationed out of assigned station, the Lieutenant is responsible for the operational readiness of their assigned station. The position is responsible for reporting all activity, and the need for specific training based on operational requirements to the assigned Captain. The position also fills the role of Truck Officer during emergency response as required.

The salary range is \$71,334 to \$88,454 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefits package. This is a full-time, permanent position. Successful candidates will be stationed at the Edson or Evansburg YCFD Stations.

To apply, please submit resumes and cover letters on our web page at [www.yhcounty.ca/jobs](http://www.yhcounty.ca/jobs)

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. The competition will remain open until **January 29, 2023 at 4:30 PM.**

We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

Human Resources  
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Email: [jobs@yhcounty.ca](mailto:jobs@yhcounty.ca)

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### Firefighter (Full Time, Permanent)

LOCATION: Stationed in Edson, AB or Evansburg, AB  
COMPETITION NO. 24-014

Under the general direction of the General Manager of Protective Services and reporting to the Fire Chief or designate, and stationed as per staffing requirements, the Firefighter is responsible for the operational readiness of the apparatus and equipment to be used during the shift in the station they are posted to. The position provides emergency response as required, in accordance with the Yellowhead County Fire Services Standards.

The salary range is \$64,739 to \$80,276 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefits package. This is a full-time, permanent position. Successful candidates will be stationed at the Edson or Evansburg YCFD Stations.

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### 2024 SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

#### Dates of Employment:

Approximately May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 to August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Pool Manager** - Competition No. 24-001 - Responsible for the maintenance and operation of Green Grove Pool and the supervision of seasonal pool staff. Also responsible for duties including but not limited to providing lesson instruction, lifeguarding, pool and facility maintenance and other administrative tasks as required.

**Pool Coordinator** - Competition No. 24-002 - Responsible for assisting in the operation and maintenance of the Green Grove Pool, acting as the supervisor on duty, providing swimming instruction, lifeguarding, and other administrative duties. Also oversees the operations and safety aspects of the pool, assists with pool activities and dedicated events, and ensures safety requirements are met through inspection of practices and equipment.

**Senior Lifeguard** - Competition No. 24-003 - Acts as the supervisor on duty when scheduled with a Junior Guard, providing swimming instruction, lifeguarding, completing pool maintenance and performing other administrative duties as required.

**Junior Lifeguard** - Competition No. 24-004 - Responsible for providing swimming instruction and completing lifeguarding duties, pool maintenance and administrative duties as required.

**Parks Labourer** - Competition No. 24-005 - Responsible for assisting in the maintenance of Yellowhead County owned and operated parks spaces, properties, and campgrounds.

**Agricultural Labourer** - Competition No. 24-006 - Responsible for assisting in the application of pesticides on private and public lands in accordance with legislation and County policies.

**Weed Inspector** - Competition No. 24-007 - Responsible for performing weed and pest inspections on private and public lands in accordance with the Weed Control Act, Agricultural Pest Act and County policies.

**Senior Weed Inspector** - Competition No. 24-008 - Responsible for performing weed and pest inspections on private and public lands in accordance with the Weed Control Act, Agricultural Pest Act and County policies.

**Vegetation Management Technician** - Competition No. 24-009 - Responsible for the application of pesticide on private and public lands in accordance with the Legislation and County policies.

**Horticultural Technician** - Competition No. 24-010 - Responsible for coordinating, implementing, and supporting further development of Yellowhead County's horticultural management program. Other responsibilities may include but are not limited to performing weed and pest inspections on private and public lands in accordance with the Weed Control Act, Agricultural Pest Act and County policies.

**Youth Services Assistant** - Competition No. 24-011 - Responsible for assisting in the planning and delivery of Family and Community Support Services programming to children of Yellowhead County.

To apply and find detailed job descriptions for these positions, please visit our website: [www.yhcounty.ca/jobs](http://www.yhcounty.ca/jobs)

These competitions will remain open until **4:30 PM on Friday, February 9, 2024.** We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

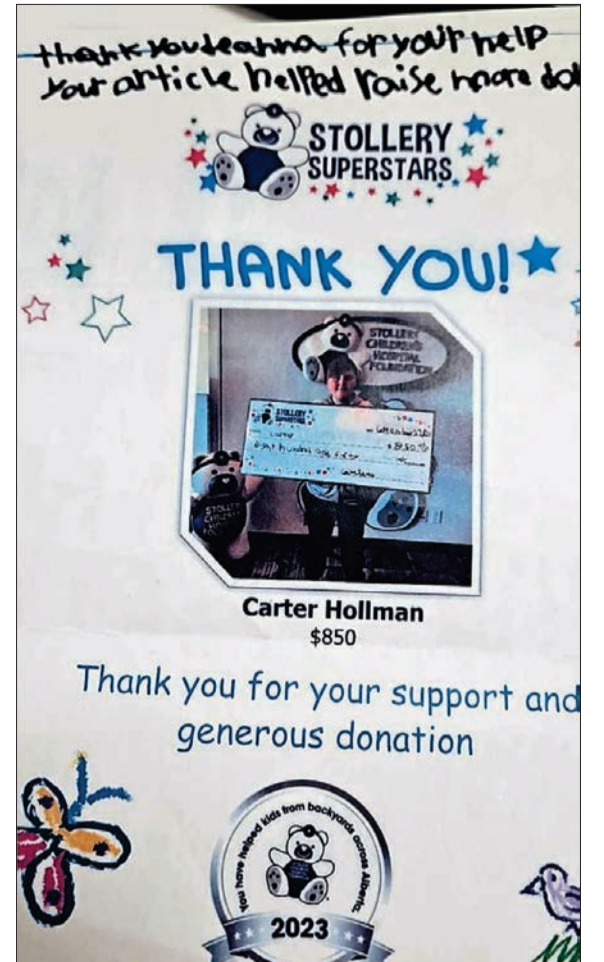
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Pine Grove Middle School students took time before Christmas to play crib with residents at Parkland Lodge. Students were pitted against some of the best known cribbage legends in the lodge. Both seniors and students had lots of fun. photo submitted by Deanna Mitchener



Deanna Mitchener writer/reporter with the Weekly Anchor received a very thoughtful Thank-You for an article that helped with fundraising efforts for the Stollery. It was much appreciated and congratulations!

# More than a cold; so what is Influenza?

## There's a lot more to influenza than meets the eye!

(AHS) Influenza is a viral infection that typically circulates mainly during the fall and winter months. While people often use the term “flu” to describe any kind of mild illness, such as a cold or stomach virus, the real influenza is different. It produces symptoms that are typically more serious than the common cold and sticks around longer.

There's a lot more to influenza than meets the eye!

### What causes influenza?

The flu is usually caused by influenza viruses A and B. There are different strains of the flu virus every year. These viruses mutate and change which is why there is a new flu vaccine each year.

### What are the symptoms?

Some common symptoms of influenza are:

- Fever or feeling feverish
  - Chills and shivering
  - Body aches
  - Headaches
  - Dry cough
  - Sore throat
  - Runny or stuffy nose
  - Fatigue, tiredness and weakness
- Symptoms of influenza usually present between one and four days after being around someone with the virus. Then, the symptoms can be at their worst for three or four days before starting to feel better. It can take one to two weeks to completely recover.

Most people get better without problems. But sometimes influenza can lead to a bacterial infection such as an ear infection, sinus infection, or bronchitis. Less often, and in the most serious cases, influenza can lead to pneumonia.

### How do people get Influenza?

Influenza spreads primarily through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. You can also contract the flu by touching a surface or object contaminated with the virus and then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.

### Influenza vs. the Common Cold

Influenza can be mistaken for a severe cold because some symptoms are similar. However, there are key differences:

- Onset: the flu comes on suddenly, while a cold usually develops more gradually
- Severity: the flu is often more severe and can lead to complications like pneumonia
- Fever: a high fever is more common with the flu than with a cold
- Duration: flu symptoms typically last one to two weeks, while cold symptoms usually resolve within a few days
- Complications: Influenza can lead to serious complications, especially in vulnerable populations like the elderly, young children, and those with weakened immune systems.

### Who is at risk?

Certain people are at higher risk of problems from influenza, including young children, pregnant women, older adults, and people with long-term illnesses or with impaired immune systems making it hard to fight infection.

### Prevention

The best way to prevent the flu is by getting an annual flu vaccine. It is especially important for those at high risk of complications. Additionally, you can help prevent

influenza transmission by frequent handwashing and covering your mouth and nose when you sneeze or

cough. Stay healthy this season by practicing good hygiene and by staying informed

# START HEALTHY. STAY HEALTHY. GET IMMUNIZED.

If you haven't been immunized yet this season, it's not too late. Immunizations are still available.

**Start your year healthy and stay that way.**

To book an appointment, visit [ahs.ca/vaccine](https://ahs.ca/vaccine) or call 811.

Questions about immunization? Call 811, your primary care provider or your local pharmacy.





# Niton Central School Skills Competition helps explore trades



(GYPSD: GNS) Niton Central School grade 6-9 students recently participated in the Skills Exploration Day for the 4th consecutive year. Jr. High Schools from all across the province participated in the event put on by Skills Alberta to:

- Inspire Junior High students to identify inherent skills and interests.
- Connect students' skills and interests to trade and technology careers through interactive, hands-on experiences that promote creativity, empathy, and exploration.
- Promote trade and technology careers as a valuable and rewarding career choice.

This year's Skills Competition was

based on innovations in Water Conservation and sustainable usage. Students planned and designed their prototypes using a human-centred design process. Using skills from a variety of trades such as Carpentry, HVAC, Plumbing, Fashion Design, and Electrical.

At Niton Central School, students competed with their designs and several skills challenges within specific trades, creating a zippered bag (fashion technology), a logo for an animal shelter (graphic design), a pinwheel and sheet metal cano (HVAC) a Squirrel picnic table (woodworking), a pipefitting challenge (plumbing), and a solar panel challenge (electrical).

The 1st place group (Myla Morden, Jayla Van Dyk, and Serena Dunsdon-Grant) created a system for collecting and spraying rainwater. The 2nd place group (Tristin Bauman, Dustin Defoor, Dominic Bacan, and Cole Moman)

designed the undersink water purification boiler system.

An additional prize for the best working prototype was the filtering and recirculation of household drain water went to Abby Clark and Taylor Kennedy.

## ~ Celebrating the Life of ~

### Rose-Ann Marie Wegel

Jan. 4, 1950 – Dec. 27, 2023

Rose-Ann was born in Calais, AB on January 4th, 1950.



It is with great sadness and much love that we say goodbye to our beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister and Aunt, Rose-Ann Marie Wegel, who passed away on December 27th, 2023, at the age of 73, in Edson, AB.

Left to mourn Rose-Ann Marie is her loving husband and best friend of 58 years, Paul Wegel of Edson, two loving daughters, Carol of Edson, Lori-Ann of Airdrie, her beautiful grandchildren Jennifer Rose, Terrin Michael, and Tyler John. Also left to mourn is her loving brother Edward Chowace, of Sturgeon Lake, as well as many nieces, nephews and friends to mourn her loss.

Rose-Ann was predeceased by her father and mother Xavier and Isabel Chowace; along with her brothers George, Pete, Charlie, Leonard, and her sisters Irene and Florestine all of Sturgeon Lake, AB and son-in-law Steve Michael Fabick of Rocky Mountain House.

A Celebration of Life for Rose-Ann Marie Wegel was held at the Edson Royal Canadian Legion in Edson on January 5th, 2024.

Condolences may be shared at [www.foothillsmemorialchapel.com](http://www.foothillsmemorialchapel.com)

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## ~ Obituary ~

### Lee-Roy Gerald Hayes Lonsberry

January 12, 1942 - December 29, 2023



Lee-Roy passed away peacefully, surrounded by family at the Edson Healthcare Centre. Lee-Roy was weeks away from turning 82 years of age.

Lee-Roy grew up in Dinsmore Sask. He came to Edson in 1961 with his parents, Lloyd and Jessie, and his four brothers. Soon after he met his wife, Lorraine. They were married for 61 years and had 3 daughters, Lori, Lynn, and Leigh.

Lee-Roy was a lifelong Barber and very much enjoyed the social aspect of that job. He was very community oriented, joining the Edson Kinsmen club, K 40 Club, and the Edson Oldtimers Hockey Club. He was a decorated member of the Edson Volunteer Fire Department, retired at age 70, after serving for 37 years. He wasn't home very many evenings!!!

Since retiring he spent his time mowing the grass in the summer and plowing the snow in the winter on their acreage.

Lee-Roy is survived by his wife Lorraine, daughters Lori (Randy), Lynn (Gord), and Leigh, grandchildren, great grandchildren, 3 brothers Donald (Gail), Gaye (Val) and Linden, as well as sister-in-law Anita, and their extended families.

Lee-Roy was pre-deceased by his parents, Lloyd (1991) and Jessie (1994), brother Clarke, (1976), and sister-in-law Susan (2021).

Cremation has taken place. A Private Family Service will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

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## ~ Obituary ~

### Donald Scott Miller

Donald Scott Miller passed peacefully surrounded by his family Thursday, December 7, 2023, at the age of 70 years in Princeton, BC.

Don was born in Saskatoon, SK on Dec 28, 1952, and spent his first 17 years in Davidson, SK. Don received his BSc and Teaching Certificate from the University of Saskatchewan.

While teaching at the University, Don met his future wife Elaine. They married on September 6, 1975.

Don and Elaine moved to Choiceland, SK where Don taught high school. In need of a change, Don and Elaine moved to Prince Albert, SK where Don started working for a finance company. Don was transferred to Edson, AB and he started to work at Luscar Sterco (1977) Ltd., a company he stayed with for over 25 years. All four of his children were born while there.

In 2003, Don and Elaine purchased a small riverfront property in Princeton, BC. They moved there the following year, built their dream home and Don retired.

In 2011, growing weary of retirement, Don went to work at Copper Mountain Coal Corporation.

While in Edson, Don was a member of the Kinsmen Club, Edson Soccer Association and Boy Scouts of Canada. After moving to Princeton, Don joined the Princeton Volunteer Fire Dept. and enjoyed many years' service with them. He was also a member of the Lions club. Don was an avid curler, ball player and golfer. Don's lifelong love of scuba diving took Don and Elaine to various spots around the globe.

Don will be met in heaven by family members who have gone before - His father Vern, mother Gladys, brother Grant, sister Jean, father-in-law Cecil, mother-in-law Lillian, and brother's-in-law Rennie, Brian and Kenneth.

Don will be remembered and missed by his wife Elaine, children Brett, Delee (Ryan), Kira and Keisha and by his many friends and co-workers.

There will be a Celebration of Life on May 18, 2024.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

To offer you condolence please visit [www.hansonsfuneral.ca](http://www.hansonsfuneral.ca)





**A** Monthly update on the Oil & Gas and Energy Industry

# ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

## Proposed federal gov't methane emissions targets "absurd": Smith

Premier Danielle Smith and Minister of Environment and Protected Areas Rebecca Schulz issued the following statement on the federal government's proposed methane emissions regulations:

"The federal government has unilaterally established new methane emissions rules and targets to help win international headlines. Instead of building on Alberta's award-winning approach, Ottawa wants to replace it with costly, dangerous and unconstitutional new federal regulations that won't benefit anyone beyond Environment and Climate Change Minister Steven Guilbeault's post-office career.

"Managing emissions from Alberta's oil and gas industry is our constitutional right and responsibility, not Ottawa's, and we are getting the job done. Using a province-led approach, Alberta has already reduced methane emissions from the oil and gas sector by 45 per cent – hitting our target three years early – and we're just getting started.

"Meanwhile, not only is it illegal for Ottawa to

attempt to regulate our industries in this manner, Ottawa also hasn't even hit one of its past arbitrary and unscientific emissions targets largely because it has little to no credible expertise regulating the natural resource, agricultural and other industry sectors in this space.

"Ottawa could have helped us keep reducing

emissions with joint incentive programs in line with Alberta's Emissions Reduction and Energy Development Plan. It could have listened to the Supreme Court's declaration that the Impact Assessment Act was unconstitutional and abandoned this kind of arrogant and ineffective scheme. Instead, these new regulations threaten our successful province-led approach and impede good work that's already underway.

"Once again, the federal government is setting unrealistic targets and timelines. Infrastructure can only be updated as quickly as technology allows. For example, Alberta will not accept nor impose a total ban on flaring at this time, as it is a critical health and safety practice during

production. Any regulation that completely prohibits this is putting lives at risk. A total ban would also be costly, resulting in shut-ins and loss of production.

"This approach will also cost tens of billions in infrastructure upgrades, yet Ottawa has provided

virtually no financial support to do so. Thousands of Albertans could be put out of work in the coming years due to these costly regulations. A federal government willing to invest \$37.7 billion into just three battery plants in Ontario and Quebec cannot credibly refuse to provide tax credits and financial incentives for producers in Alberta and

Saskatchewan to assist with achieving a carbon-neutral economy by 2050.

"For years, Alberta, not Ottawa, has done the hard work and achieved results. We strongly support reducing methane emissions and have invested tens of millions into developing these technologies. Minister Guilbeault must work with us, and not against us, to keep cutting methane emissions and charting a course for carbon neutrality by 2050.

"Given the unconstitutional nature of this latest federal intrusion into our provincial jurisdiction, our government will use every tool at our disposal to ensure these absurd federal regulations are never implemented in our province."

**Editor's Note:** Alberta has reduced methane emissions from the oil and gas sector by 45 per cent since 2014.

Alberta was the first province in Canada to set a methane emissions target for the oil and gas sector, committing to reducing these emissions by 45 per cent from 2014 levels by 2025. The province's methane reduction approach has won international awards and recognition.

According to the latest methane report from the Alberta Energy Regulator, Alberta officially achieved its target as of 2022 – three years ahead of schedule.

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**A Monthly Update on the Coal Industry**

# ENERGY EDUCATION IN ACTION

## Hydrogen's pivotal role in transition to cleaner energy

Hydrogen is poised to play a pivotal role in aiding countries' transition towards cleaner energy sources and ensuring a sustainable future for coal. It is projected that by 2050, hydrogen will account for 14% of the world's anticipated energy demand.

The cost of producing hydrogen from coal with CCUS three times less expensive than producing low-carbon hydrogen through water electrolysis, the latter which costs 3.0-7.5 US\$/kg H<sub>2</sub>. According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), the average cost of producing hydrogen from coal with CCUS is 1.4-3.1 US\$/kg H<sub>2</sub>. Another source suggests that coal gasification with CCUS typically costs 1.9 2.4

US\$/kg H<sub>2</sub>, with costs as low as 1.6 US\$/kg H<sub>2</sub> in China.

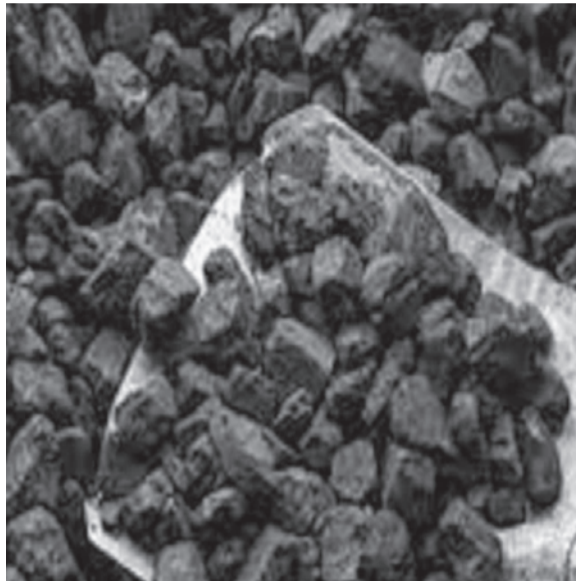
The world's largest clean coal-to-hydrogen project was inaugurated in Yulin, central Shaanxi, China. The plant boasts a total hydrogen production capacity of 350,000 tonnes annually and is expected to reduce carbon dioxide

emissions by approximately 220,000 tonnes annually.

The conversion of coal to hydrogen represents an innovative application of coal abatement technologies. It simultaneously assists coal-dependent nations in achieving their development goals and decarbonisation ambitions.

Coal also plays a vital role in manufacturing wind turbines, particularly as China, a prominent coal leader globally, leads the way in manufacturing wind turbines. Each turbine requires 260 tonnes of steel made from 170 tonnes of coking coal and 300 tonnes of iron ore.

*-futurecoal.org*



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# Community Events

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## Fire advisory now in effect in the Edson Forest Area

# Keep safe burning practices top of mind

A fire advisory is now in effect in the Edson Forest Area due to warm, dry and windy conditions with no significant precipitation in the forecast. Exposed dry or dead grass and vegetation pose a serious risk. A wildfire can easily ignite and spread quickly under these conditions.

Fire permits are not required outside of wildfire season in the Forest Protection Area of Alberta. Residents and industry planning a burn are still responsible for all fires they ignite and should keep safe burning practices top of mind by following Alberta Wildfire's guidelines.

- These guidelines include the following:
- Carefully select your burn site and do not burn until you have good snow cover in the area.
  - Check weather conditions and refrain from burning when an inversion is in place or is forecasted.
  - Actively manage burn projects to reduce total burning time.
  - Burn debris in stages so that you can adapt to changing weather conditions and reduce smoke.
  - Ensure you have the right tools, water and equipment on hand to keep the burn under control.
  - Consult your local municipality on how to safely undertake larger winter burning projects near communities or roads.
- Municipalities, parks and protected areas may have additional fire safety requirements. This fire advisory will remain in effect until conditions improve.

After a dry wildfire season, smart winter burning practices can make a big difference in reducing the number of human-caused wildfires. "While wildfire season officially ended October 31 and a fire permit is no longer required for burning inside the Forest Protection Area, it's important to keep safe burning practices top of mind," says Josee St-Onge, provincial information officer with Alberta



Burn debris in stages so that you can adapt to changing weather conditions and reduce smoke.

Wildfire. "Fire safety matters year-round, even when there is snow on the ground."

Fires that are not properly extinguished can smoulder underground and re-ignite as a wildfire in the spring when conditions tend to be at their driest.

Winter burning can also cause dangerous driving conditions when smoke lingers in the air. On particularly cold winter days, such as during an inversion when cooler air is trapped at the ground under a layer of warmer air, smoke can stay close to the ground and travel great distances. The ideal conditions for burning are typically days with average temperatures and minimal wind.

- When burning during winter:
- Refrain from burning when an inversion is in place or is forecasted.
  - Consult local municipalities and authorities on how to mitigate impacts when undertaking larger winter burning projects near communities or roads.

- Actively manage burn projects to reduce total burning time and smoke impacts.
- Burn debris in stages so that you can adapt to changing weather conditions and reduce smoke.

- Ensure good snow cover in the burn area (more than 15 cm). "Any burning should closely follow our guidelines," says St-Onge. "Check weather conditions and make sure you have the resources on hand to control the burn at all times. After the burn, make sure the fire is out – soak it, stir it, soak it again. It is safe when it is cool to the touch, but you should go back and check your burn site regularly after the burn to make sure it is completely extinguished."

To report a wildfire any time of year, call 310-FIRE (3473).

If you come across smoky driving conditions, you can report smoky conditions to Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors by calling 780-644-1851 when it is safe to do so. Visit Alberta Wildfire's website for current updates.

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